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This paper is submitted out of an abundance of caution after receipt of a paper entitled "Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner" bearing a mailing date of 19 May 2004 and received by undersigned counsel for the applicant on 24 May 2004.

Applicant's undersigned counsel's reading of the 19 May 2004 paper from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences indicates that action is required by the

examiner but that no action is required by the applicants in response to that paper. If such reading is incorrect and action is required by the applicants, it is respectfully requested that this be clarified and that the applicants be given some stated length of time in which to take whatever action is required.

In the event no action is required by the applicants in response to the 19 May 2004 paper, it is respectfully requested that this be clarified in the record.

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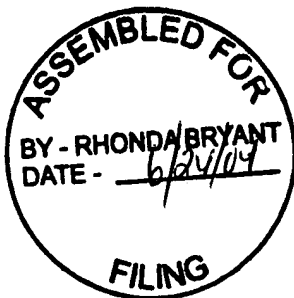
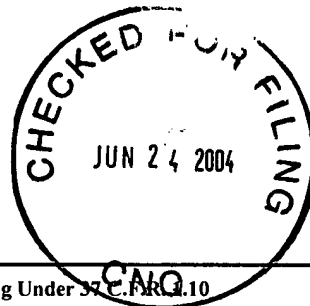
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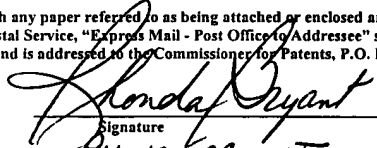
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